

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Hiroko Kono et al. :  
Serial No.: To be assigned : Art Unit: To be assigned  
Filed: Herewith : Examiner: To be assigned  
For: MULTIPLE-SHAFT POWER : Atty Docket: 0325/00075  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, before the section "Field of the Invention" insert the following section:

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**RELATED APPLICATION**

The present application is a divisional of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/325,552, filed June 4, 1999.--.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 18-25.

## R E M A R K S

Claims 18-25 were elected for prosecution in parent application Serial No. 09/325,552, filed June 4, 1999, and, as such, are not being prosecuted in the present divisional application. Therefore, the claims presently in the case are claims 1-17. None of these amendments is believed to involve any new matter. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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